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REMARKS

Reconsideration is respectfully requested. Claims 1 and 2 were present in the application. Claim 1 is amended herein. New claims 3-5 are added.

Claims 1 and 2 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as allegedly being unpatentable over Hanzek, U.S. patent 6,654,726.

Applicants respectfully traverse.

The Examiner indicates

The cited document, U.S. 6,654,726 (Hanzek/Ford Motor Company) relates to an online ordering/tracking/inquiry system. The system shown is directed to the selection and ordering of automobiles by consumers. This is not directed to photomask products.

Applicant's claims as amended illustrate distinguishing features not shown or suggested by Hanzek.

Regarding claim 1, as amended, this claim claims the concept of the "image present" that is shown in FIG. 6 and discussed in the specification at page 28, line 15 through page 29, line 10. This concept of the "image present" selection option allows the purchaser to view an inspection image made during the manufacturing process. This concept is missing from the cited documents and overcomes the rejections. It is a different aspect that the cited documents have no need for - purchasers of automobiles and other consumer items are not going

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to be in the position of having any need or desire to examine manufacturing inspection images. It is respectfully submitted that this difference overcomes the rejection based on the cited documents.

Further, while Hanzek does mention a "pilot model inspection request parameter", this is not related to what applicants claim, but instead, this concept in Hanzek relates to indicating contact information (name, phone number, address) of a person. A pilot model inspection is mentioned in Ford Motor Company websites for purchases of fleet automobiles, in quantities of 50 or more automobiles, so the purchaser can schedule a visit to an assembly plant to review the first vehicle(s) produced at the assembly plant prior to an order of 50 or more vehicles going into full production. This is unrelated to and there is not a concept of an inspection image being available by the web page. Hanzek does allow viewing a photographic image of a selected vehicle, but it is not an image of an inspection phase. It is merely a vehicle photograph with no relation to any inspection phase.

New claims 3, 4 and 5 are directed to a photomask manufacturing status indicating system. Hanzek is not related to photomask manufacturing, and does not appreciate the concepts or issues related thereto.

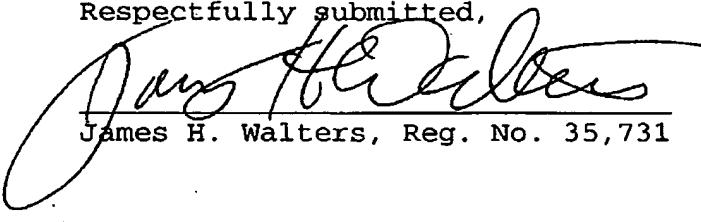
In light of the above noted amendments and remarks, this application is believed in condition for allowance and notice

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thereof is respectfully solicited. The Examiner is asked to contact applicant's attorney at 503-224-0115 if there are any questions.

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